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TAGS: ECON, ETRD, ESTC, AT, CU, US

SUBJECT: TRADE WITH CUBA BY U.S. FIRMS IN ARGENTINA

REF: BA 7222

1. DEPARTMENT IS GIVING FULL ATTENTION TO PROBLEM POSED TO AMERICAN SUBSIDIARIES IN ARGENTINA AND THE POTENTIAL THREAT TO US-ARGENTINA BILATERAL RELATIONS FROM THE \$200 MILLION ARGENTINE EXPORT CREDIT TO CUBA. EMBASSY REPORTS ON CONTACTS BY CUBAN PURCHASING MISSION WITH AMERICAN SUBSIDIARIES HAVE BEEN HELPFUL IN FOLLOWING THE STATE OF THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. IF ASKED, EMBASSY SHOULD CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE AMERICAN SUBSIDIARIES TO AVOID TRANSACTIONS WITH CUBA AND TO SEND FULL INFORMATION TO THEIR PARENT US COMPANY WHERE THEY FEEL THEY WILL BE SERIOUSLY PREJUDICED BEFORE THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. OFFICERS OF PARENT COMPANIES MENTIONED IN EMBASSY REPORTS ARE IN CONTACT WITH STATE AND/OR TREASURY.

2. WASHINGTON AGENCIES HAVE NOT GIVEN GREEN LIGHT TO ANY
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AMERICAN SUBSIDIARY IN ARGENTINA TO ENGAGE IN TRANSACTIONS

WITH CUBA. SHOULD REQUESTS FOR LICENSES BE RECEIVED,
THEY WILL BE REVIEWED WITH GREAT CARE AND IF ANY ARE ISSUED
WE WILL SEEK TO MINIMIZE THE ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE CUBAN
SANCTIONS PROGRAM. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT HOPES THAT NEW
ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WILL SEE ITS WAY CLEAR TO REMOVE

PRESSURES ON AMERICAN SUBSIDIARIES TO PARTICIPATE IN
EXPORTS TO CUBA.

3. INFORMATION FROM EMBASSY ALONG LINES REQUESTED IN
PARAGRAPH 4 (EXPECIALLY SUBPARAGRAPHS A AND B) OF STATE
117307 WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR USE AT SUCH TIME AS COMPANIES
MAY CLAIM SERIOUS HARM. RUSH

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